6.7 Bathing

The ability to shower, bathe or take sponge baths for the purpose of maintaining adequate hygiene (does not include hair care). For older children, this also includes the ability to get in and out of the tub, turn faucets on and off, regulate water temperature, wash and dry fully.

0-6 mos	7-12 mos	13-18 mos	19-24 mos	25-36 mos	3-4 yrs	4-6 yrs	6-9 yrs	9-13 yrs	14-17 yrs	yrs	☑ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should be checked. ◎ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should NOT be checked.
•											Not applicable for the purposes of this screen. This option does not appear on the functional screen because young children are expected to require assistance in this category.
	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Needs adaptive equipment. ☑ Uses shower chair, tub bench, mechanical lift, or any other devices if they are used to compensate for the child's physical impairment. ☑ The parents/caregivers prefer another method and have not obtained adaptive equipment. ☑ The child is a year or older and unable to maintain a sitting position unsupported.
		•	•	•							Becomes agitated requiring alternative bathing methods. ☑ Becomes unsafe in bathing and needs to be constrained or sponge bathed. ⑤ Takes a shower rather than a bath.
					•	•	•	•	•	•	Is combative during bathing (e.g., flails, takes two caregivers to accomplish task). ☑ Extreme avoidance behaviors that make bathing unsafe for child and/or caregiver. ☑ Caregiver is in tub with child because of child's unsafe behavior.
							•	•	•	•	Needs complete physical assistance. It is expected that children under 5 years old may require some physical assistance, which is why this option is not available to those children. ☑ Requires someone to bathe them (hands on) whether in a bath or shower. Remember, this does not include hair washing.
						•	•				Needs to be lifted in and out of bathtub or shower. Able to get in and out, but parent chooses to lift them. Needs hands on assistance, verbal cues or supervision but can get in and out without others lifting them.
								•	•		Needs help in and out of bathtub or shower. ☑ Needs hands-on assistance, someone to do the task completely, verbal cues or close supervision throughout the task.

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9-0 som	7-12 mos	13-18 mos	19-24 mos	25-36 mos	3-4 yrs	4-6 yrs	6-9 yrs	9-13 yrs	14-17 yrs	yrs	☑ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should be checked. ◎ Indicates that the item on the functional screen should NOT be checked.
							•	•	•	•	Needs step-by-step cueing to complete. ☑ Needs someone with them throughout the bath/shower telling them each step of the process. ③ Needs reminder to bathe (e.g., "Don't forget to take a bath tonight"). ⑤ Needs reminders before the bath takes place (e.g., "remember to wash under your arms"). ⑤ Needs an occasional cue, but not step-by-step instructions.
							•	•	•	•	Lacks an understanding of risk and must be supervised for safety. ☑ It is understood that if the screener checked "Is combative during bathing" then this would be also checked.

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